

# News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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## **Flood-Related Public Service Announcement**

### **“Asbestos”**

Cleanup after flooding often involves removing ceilings, wallboard, insulation, flooring and other materials if they were soaked. But those materials may contain asbestos—particularly from older buildings. If you are unsure if a material contains asbestos, get it tested first.

Asbestos can cause many negative health effects.

If your home contains asbestos and any of these materials have been damaged or will be disturbed during cleanup, talk to local public health authorities, and follow these tips:

- Removed materials should be handled while still wet or damp, double-bagged and labeled, and transported to an approved landfill.
- Wear gloves, goggles and a respirator.
- Avoid activities that will generate dust, such as sweeping or vacuuming debris that may contain asbestos or lead.

For more information about asbestos, call 271-1373.

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